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To: Members of the Staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: UNITED NATIONS STAFF RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN EGYPT

1. A major earthquake struck Egypt on Monday, 12 October 1992, the worst natural disaster to afflict the country in many years. The epicentre of the earthquake was in the south-eastern part of Cairo and its vicinities. A series of aftershocks have occurred since, causing further damage. According to government estimates and press reports, about 550 persons died, over 10,000 were wounded and more than 10,000 were left homeless. The estimated cost of relief for victims and reconstruction of and repairs to damaged houses, schools, holy places and antiquities is approximately 1 billion dollars.

2. With the approval of the Secretary-General and the support of the Staff Committee, a United Nations Staff Relief Committee for the Victims of the Earthquake in Egypt has been set up to conduct a United Nations-wide appeal for funds to assist the victims of the disaster. The Committee members are: Mr. Ayman El-Amir, Chairman, Mr. Adel Abdel-Malek, Treasurer, and Ms. Negla Chawky, Secretary.

3. Contributions in cash will be collected by authorized staff members on behalf of the Committee, beginning on Monday, 2 November 1992. Cheque and cash donations may also be made to the United Nations Relief Fund for Egypt, Chemical Bank, United Nations, New York, account No. 015-009629, or forwarded through the Treasurer of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdel-Malek, room S-1736B, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017 (tel.: 963-4251).

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